

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A supporting device for semi-trailers comprising:
an outer sleeve;
a spindle for a telescopic inner sleeve; and
a foot-receiving device for attaching a support foot, the foot receiving device connected to a bottom end of the inner sleeve, the foot-receiving device comprising:
a component comprising a plate that occludes the inner sleeve;
an opening in the component plate for penetration of the spindle past a lower end of the inner sleeve ~~penetration~~;
at least one bracing element at a top or bottom end; and
two opposing bearing points adapted to accommodate the support foot.
2. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element is arranged within the inner sleeve.
3. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element extends at least between the bearing points.
4. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the component is a plate and the bracing element is a bracing rib.
5. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element is a bracing rib which has a curved shape and is located around the opening.
6. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the component is ~~[a]~~ said plate having an edge section located outside of the bracing element which is a bracing rib for attachment of the inner sleeve.
7. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bearing points are arranged on a plane of the component which is ~~[a]~~ said plate.

8. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the bracing element is a circumferential bracing rib, which engages the inner sleeve in a forced fit, is arranged on the top of the component which is [a] said plate and forms a bottom part that constitutes a cover at the bottom of the circumferential bracing rib.

9. (previously presented) A supporting device according to Claim 8, wherein the foot receiving device consists of two laterally reversed halves.

10. (previously presented) A supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the component comprises a vertically arranged tube whose outside diameter is less than or equal to the inside diameter of the inner sleeve in at least one section.

11. (previously presented) A supporting device according to Claim 10, wherein the tube is a rectangular tube.

12. (previously presented) A supporting device according to Claim 10, wherein the bearing points are attached to the outer surface of the tube.

13. (previously presented) A supporting device according to Claim 1, wherein the opening is closed off by a cover.

14. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 2, wherein the bracing element extends at least between the bearing points.

15. (currently amended) The supporting device according to Claim 14, wherein the component is [a] said plate and the bracing element is a bracing rib.

16. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 15, wherein the bracing rib has a curved shape and is located around the opening.

17. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 16, wherein the plate has an edge section located outside of the bracing rib for attachment of the inner sleeve.

18. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 17, wherein the bearing points are arranged on the plate plane.

19. (previously presented) The supporting device according to Claim 18, wherein a circumferential bracing rib, which engages the inner sleeve in a forced fit, is arranged on the top of the plate and forms a bottom part that constitutes a cover at the bottom of the circumferential bracing rib.

20. (previously presented) A supporting device according to Claim 19, wherein the foot receiving device consists of two laterally reversed halves.